**REGULAR AUDIT** 

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 & 2004



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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# Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

Henrietta Township Lorain County 10413 Vermilion Road Oberlin, Ohio 44074

To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

September 20, 2006

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# Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Henrietta Township Lorain County 10413 Vermilion Road Oberlin, Ohio 44074

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Henrietta Township, Lorain County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2005 and 2004. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Henrietta Township, Lorain County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004. The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 20, 2006, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Betty Montgomery

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

September 20, 2006

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

		Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Funds		
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Permanent	Agency	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:							
Local Taxes	\$47,443	\$105,961	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$153,404
Intergovernmental	51,283	101,562	0	121,169	0	0	274,014
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	5,190	0	0	0	0	3,500	8,690
Earnings on Investments	3,022	244	0	0	1	0	3,267
Other Revenue	952	0	0	0	0	0	952
Total Cash Receipts	107,890	207,767	0	121,169	1	3,500	440,327
Cash Disbursements: Current:							
General Government	77,925	0	0	0	0	1,548	79,473
Public Safety	0	26,403	0	0	0	1,348	26,403
Public Works	11,991	124,054	0	0	0	0	136,045
Health	7,866	0	0	0	22	0	7,888
Human Services	14,089	21,203	0	0	0	0	35,292
Debt Service:	14,000	21,200	Ũ	Ű	Ũ	0	00,202
Redemption of Principal	0	0	18,155	0	0	0	18,155
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	121,169	0	0	121,169
Total Cash Disbursements	111,871	171,660	18,155	121,169	22	1,548	424,425
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(3,981)	36,107	(18,155)	0	(21)	1,952	15,902
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):							
Transfers-In	0	0	15,354	0	0	0	15,354
Transfers-Out	(15,354)	0	0	0	0	0	(15,354)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(15,354)	0	15,354	0	0	0	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(10.005)	00.407	(2.004)		(21)	4.050	15 000
and Other Financing Disbursements	(19,335)	36,107	(2,801)	0	(21)	1,952	15,902
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2005	113,176	151,166	2,801	63,065	853	1,000	332,061
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2005	\$93,841	\$187,273	\$0	\$63,065	\$832	\$2,952	\$347,963

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

		Governmental	Fund Types		Fiduciary F	unds	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Nonexpendable Trust	Agency	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:							
Local Taxes	\$47,854	\$104,698	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$152,552
Intergovernmental	53,194	82,825	0	19,176	0	0	155,195
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	5,333	0	0	0	0	0	5,333
Earnings on Investments	1,522	99	0	0	1	0	1,622
Other Revenue	207	0	0	0	0	0	207
Total Cash Receipts	108,110	187,622	0	19,176	1	0	314,909
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
General Government	74,915	0	0	0	16	0	74,931
Public Safety	0	46,338	0	0	0	0	46,338
Public Works	11,393	115,786	0	0	0	0	127,179
Health	8,832	0	0	0	0	0	8,832
Human Services	35,080	0	0	0	0	0	35,080
Debt Service:							0
Redemption of Principal	0	0	18,199	0	0	0	18,199
Capital Outlay	0	2,400	0	19,176	0	0	21,576
Total Cash Disbursements	130,220	164,524	18,199	19,176	16	0	332,135
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(22,110)	23,098	(18,199)	0	(15)	0	(17,226)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):							
Sale of Fixed Assets	21,000	0	0	0	0	0	21,000
Transfers-In	0	0	21,000	0	0	0	21,000
Transfers-Out	(21,000)	0	0	0	0	0	(21,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	0	0	21,000	0	0	0	21,000
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(22,110)	23,098	2,801	0	(15)	0	3,774
	(22,110)	23,098	2,001	U	(15)	0	3,114
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2004	135,286	128,068	0	63,065	868	1,000	328,287
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2004	\$113,176	\$151,166	\$2,801	\$63,065	\$853	\$1,000	\$332,061

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Henrietta Township, Lorain County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publiclyelected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Townships police protection is provided by the Lorain County Sheriff.

The Township's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township is financially accountable.

## B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

#### C. Cash and Investments

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

#### D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

#### 1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### 2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

#### 2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

<u>Road and Bridge Fund</u> - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

<u>Gasoline Tax Fund</u> - This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

#### 3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for resources the Township accumulates to pay bond and note debt. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

<u>General Bond Retirement</u> – This fund makes principle and interest payments for the Equipment Acquisition Bond.

#### 4. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project funds:

<u>Public Works Projects Fund</u> - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio to resurface Garfield Road.

#### 5. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

These funds account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements and funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity. The Township had the following significant fiduciary funds:

<u>Kellogg Trust Fund</u> – This fund is used for funds received for the maintenance of certain cemetery plots.

<u>Agency Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for refundable zoning permits.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

## 1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund and function level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

## 2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

## 3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2005 and 2004 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

## F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

## G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

## 2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains a cash and investments pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (Continued)

## 2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

	2005	2004
Demand deposits	\$293,922	\$279,652
Total deposits	293,922	279,652
STAR Ohio	54,040	52,408
Repurchase agreement		
Total investments	54,040	52,408
Total deposits and investments	\$347,962	\$332,060

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

**Investments:** Investments in STAR Ohio and mutual funds are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

## 3. CHANGE IN BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND RESTATEMENT OF FUND EQUITY

In accordance with this change in accounting basis for fiscal year ending December 31, 2005, the Township has reclassified the non-expendable trust fund to a Permanent fund.

		Non-
	Permanent	expendable
	Fund	Trust Fund
Fund Balance January 1, 2005	\$0	\$853
Fund Reclassification	853	(853)
Adjusted Fund Balance January 1, 2005	\$853	\$0

## 4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 follows:

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$241,136	\$107,890	(\$133,246)
Special Revenue	215,271	207,767	(7,504)
Debt Service	18,155	15,354	(2,801)
Capital Projects	129,611	121,169	(8,442)
Permanent	2	1	(1)
Agency	0	3,500	3,500
Total	\$604,175	\$455,681	(\$148,494)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (Continued)

#### 4. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$272,150	\$127,225	\$144,925
Special Revenue	339,063	171,660	167,403
Debt Service	18,155	18,155	0
Capital Projects	184,235	121,169	63,066
Permanent	855	22	833
Agency	3,000	1,548	1,452
Total	\$817,458	\$439,779	\$377,679

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$171,027	\$129,110	(\$41,917)
Special Revenue	207,790	187,622	(20,168)
Debt Service	21,000	21,000	0
Capital Projects	134,617	19,176	(115,441)
Non-Expendable Trust	3	1	(2)
Agency	0	0	0
Total	\$534,437	\$356,909	(\$177,528)

#### 2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

0			
	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$306,313	\$151,220	\$155,093
Special Revenue	335,858	164,524	171,334
Debt Service	18,199	18,199	0
Capital Projects	63,065	19,176	43,889
Non-Expendable Trust	870	16	854
Agency	1,000	0	1,000
Total	\$725,305	\$353,135	\$372,170

#### 5. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (Continued)

## 5. **PROPERTY TAX (Continued)**

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

#### 6. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2005 was as follows:

\$33,800	5%
\$33,800	
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The Township issued general obligation bonds to finance the purchase of a new dump truck and plowing equipment for Township road maintenance. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the bonds.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

	General
	Obligation
Year ending December 31:	Bonds
2006	\$18,176
2007	18,158
Total	\$36,334

## 7. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Township employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plan benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2005 and 2004, members of OPERS contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2005.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (Continued)

#### 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member townships pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

#### **Casualty Coverage**

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Townships can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$12,000,000 with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

#### Property Coverage

Through 2004, OTARMA retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence. APEEP's Guarantee Fund was responsible for losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$250,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable value. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2005 was \$1,682,589.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective township.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (Continued)

#### 8. **RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

Members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA. They must provide written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contribution, minus the subsequent year's premium. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all property and casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the withdrawal.

#### **Financial Position**

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2005 and 2004:

Casualty Coverage	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets	\$30,485,638	\$28,132,620
Liabilities	<u>(12,344,576)</u>	<u>(11,086,379)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$18,141,062</u>	<u>\$17,046,241</u>

The Casualty Coverage assets and retained earnings above include approximately \$11.6 million and \$10.3 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 950 member townships in the future, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. OTARMA will collect these amounts in future annual premium billings when OTARMA's related liabilities are due for payment. The Township's share of these unpaid claims is approximately \$15,580.

Property Coverage	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets	\$9,177,796	\$7,588,343
Liabilities	<u>(1,406,031)</u>	<u>(543,176)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$7,771,765</u>	<u>\$7,045,167</u>



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Board of Trustees Henrietta Township Lorain County 10413 Vermilion Road Oberlin, Ohio 44074

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Henrietta Township, Lorain County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2006, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated September 20, 2006, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem a reportable condition.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated September 20, 2006, we reported an other matter related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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This report is intended for the information and use of management and Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

September 20, 2006



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# LORAIN COUNTY

## **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED OCTOBER 19, 2006